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DATA DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced U.S. patent application please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

**Please amend the claims as follows:**

7. (Amended) The data distribution system of Claim 1 wherein  
when a target for the information provision request transmitted from the information  
terminal to the information provider apparatus is still picture data, the specifications of the  
information terminal include information of at least one selected from a number of pixels, a tone, a  
compression ratio, a compression method, a number of reproducible pictures, and a storage  
capacity.

8. (Amended) The data distribution system of Claim 1 wherein  
when a target for the information provision request transmitted from the information  
terminal to the information provider apparatus is moving picture data, the specifications of the

information terminal include information of at least one selected from a number of pixels, a tone, a compression ratio, a compression method, a reproduction time, and a storage capacity.

9. (Amended) The data distribution system of Claim 1 wherein

when a target for the information provision request transmitted from the information terminal to the information provider apparatus is audio data, the specifications of the information terminal include information of at least one selected from a sampling rate, a frequency band, a compression ratio, a compression method, a reproduction time, and a storage capacity.

**Please add the following new claims:**

10. The data distribution system of Claim 2 wherein

when a target for the information provision request transmitted from the information terminal to the information provider apparatus is still picture data, the specifications of the information terminal include information of at least one selected from a number of pixels, a tone, a compression ratio, a compression method, a number of reproducible pictures, and a storage capacity.

11. The data distribution system of Claim 3 wherein

when a target for the information provision request transmitted from the information terminal to the information provider apparatus is still picture data, the specifications of the information terminal include information of at least one selected from a number of pixels, a tone, a compression ratio, a compression method, a number of reproducible pictures, and a storage capacity.

12. The data distribution system of Claim 4 wherein

when a target for the information provision request transmitted from the information terminal to the information provider apparatus is still picture data, the specifications of the information terminal include information of at least one selected from a number of pixels, a tone, a

compression ratio, a compression method, a number of reproducible pictures, and a storage capacity.

13. The data distribution system of Claim 5 wherein

when a target for the information provision request transmitted from the information terminal to the information provider apparatus is still picture data, the specifications of the information terminal include information of at least one selected from a number of pixels, a tone, a compression ratio, a compression method, a number of reproducible pictures, and a storage capacity.

14. The data distribution system of Claim 6 wherein

when a target for the information provision request transmitted from the information terminal to the information provider apparatus is still picture data, the specifications of the information terminal include information of at least one selected from a number of pixels, a tone, a compression ratio, a compression method, a number of reproducible pictures, and a storage capacity.

15. The data distribution system of Claim 2 wherein

when a target for the information provision request transmitted from the information terminal to the information provider apparatus is moving picture data, the specifications of the information terminal include information of at least one selected from a number of pixels, a tone, a compression ratio, a compression method, a reproduction time, and a storage capacity.

16. The data distribution system of Claim 3 wherein

when a target for the information provision request transmitted from the information terminal to the information provider apparatus is moving picture data, the specifications of the information terminal include information of at least one selected from a number of pixels, a tone, a compression ratio, a compression method, a reproduction time, and a storage capacity.

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17. The data distribution system of Claim 4 wherein  
when a target for the information provision request transmitted from the information  
terminal to the information provider apparatus is moving picture data, the specifications of the  
information terminal include information of at least one selected from a number of pixels, a tone, a  
compression ratio, a compression method, a reproduction time, and a storage capacity.

18. The data distribution system of Claim 5 wherein  
when a target for the information provision request transmitted from the information  
terminal to the information provider apparatus is moving picture data, the specifications of the  
information terminal include information of at least one selected from a number of pixels, a tone, a  
compression ratio, a compression method, a reproduction time, and a storage capacity.

19. The data distribution system of Claim 6 wherein  
when a target for the information provision request transmitted from the information  
terminal to the information provider apparatus is moving picture data, the specifications of the  
information terminal include information of at least one selected from a number of pixels, a tone, a  
compression ratio, a compression method, a reproduction time, and a storage capacity.

20. The data distribution system of Claim 2 wherein  
when a target for the information provision request transmitted from the information  
terminal to the information provider apparatus is audio data, the specifications of the information  
terminal include information of at least one selected from a sampling rate, a frequency band, a  
compression ratio, a compression method, a reproduction time, and a storage capacity.

21. The data distribution system of Claim 3 wherein  
when a target for the information provision request transmitted from the information  
terminal to the information provider apparatus is audio data, the specifications of the information

terminal include information of at least one selected from a sampling rate, a frequency band, a compression ratio, a compression method, a reproduction time, and a storage capacity.

22. The data distribution system of Claim 4 wherein

when a target for the information provision request transmitted from the information terminal to the information provider apparatus is audio data, the specifications of the information terminal include information of at least one selected from a sampling rate, a frequency band, a compression ratio, a compression method, a reproduction time, and a storage capacity.

23. The data distribution system of Claim 5 wherein

when a target for the information provision request transmitted from the information terminal to the information provider apparatus is audio data, the specifications of the information terminal include information of at least one selected from a sampling rate, a frequency band, a compression ratio, a compression method, a reproduction time, and a storage capacity.

24. The data distribution system of Claim 6 wherein

when a target for the information provision request transmitted from the information terminal to the information provider apparatus is audio data, the specifications of the information terminal include information of at least one selected from a sampling rate, a frequency band, a compression ratio, a compression method, a reproduction time, and a storage capacity.

### REMARKS

The present Preliminary Amendment is submitted to delete the multiple dependency of the claims, thereby placing such claims in condition for examination and reducing the required PTO filing fee.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current Preliminary Amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made".

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information terminal, and charges the information user.

Claim 1

7. The data distribution system of any of Claims 1 to 6 wherein when a target for the information provision request transmitted from the information terminal to the information provider apparatus is still picture data, the specifications of the information terminal include information of at least one selected from a number of pixels, a tone, a compression ratio, a compression method, a number of reproducible pictures, and a storage capacity.

Claim 1

8. The data distribution system of any of Claims 1 to 6 wherein when a target for the information provision request transmitted from the information terminal to the information provider apparatus is moving picture data, the specifications of the information terminal include information of at least one selected from a number of pixels, a tone, a compression ratio, a compression method, a reproduction time, and a storage capacity.

Claim 1

9. The data distribution system of any of Claims 1 to 6 wherein when a target for the information provision request transmitted from the information terminal to the information provider apparatus is audio data, the specifications of the information terminal include information of at least one selected from a sampling rate, a frequency band, a compression ratio, a

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compression method, a reproduction time, and a storage capacity.

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